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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SALINAS CALLS CAP, THEN PUBLICLY URGES
SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELAN DEMOCRACY

REF: A) STATE 385581, B) FBIS [redacted] B2

1. WE CALLED THE SRE (MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY) ON FRIDAY

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NOVEMBER 27, BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL A INSTRUCTIONS, TO ASK WHETHER MEXICO MIGHT MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN VENEZUELA. OUR SRE COUNTERPARTS ADVISED THAT PRESIDENT SALINAS WAS TRAVELLING IN NAYARIT STATE, BUT PROMISED TO GET BACK TO US WITH HIS REACTION. LATER IN THE DAY, SRE INFORMED US THAT THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT HAD MADE A STATEMENT, AND THE TEXT WOULD BE IN NOVEMBER 28 PRESS REPORTS.

2. NOVEMBER 28 PRESS REPORTED PRESIDENT SALINAS' ACTIONS, ALONG WITH STATEMENTS OF MANY OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J OLSON
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ACCORDING TO MEXICAN MEDIA REPORTS (SEE FBIS ACCOUNT REFTEL B), SALINAS TELEPHONED PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT SAME DAY TO EXPRESS HIS SUPPORT, AND ALSO DISCUSSED THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN VENEZUELA BY PHONE WITH SPANISH PM FELIPE GONZALEZ. DURING HIS TRAVEL, SALINAS ALSO MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT THE ATTEMPTED COUP (PARAPHRASING HERE) WAS CONTRARY TO DEMOCRACY, WHICH HARMED THOSE WHO TRIED TO CARRY OUT THE COUP AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DID NOT MAKE A STAND AGAINST IT.

3. IN THE SAME PUBLIC STATEMENT, SALINAS SAID THAT THE SPANISH PM HAD AGREED WITH HIM THAT THE EVENTS IN VENEZUELA DID NOT DAMAGE THE ONGOING PROCESS OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION.

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